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Israeli Invasion of Lebanon

Military Situation -- Israeli-Syrian clashes resumed early on 24 June when Syrian artillery pounded IDF positions in the central sector, the IDF spokesman announced in a statement reported by Jerusalem radio. Two Syrian MIG aircraft were shot down when they tried to intercept Israeli planes attacking the sources of Syrian fire, according to another statement carried by the radio. Beirut radio spoke of intensive Israeli air attacks in the mountain areas and noted that the Palestinian-Lebanese joint forces claimed 17 IDF armored cars were destroyed when an Israeli attack on Al-Mansuriyah was repelled.

The IDF spokesman had announced on 23 June that Israeli forces repulsed a Syrian attempt to advance near Al-Mansuriyah and that Israeli aircraft attacked Syrian positions along the Damascus-Beirut highway, IDF radio reported, A Syrian military spokesman said, in a statement broadcast by Damascus radio, that Israeli forces violated the cease-fire for the third consecutive day and that Syrian forces responded to Israeli shelling, airstrikes and tank attacks. According to Syrian sources cited by Monte Carlo radio, the Syrians have foiled several Israeli attempts to reach the Damascus-Beirut highway, destroying 30 Israeli tanks on 22 June. Jerusalem radio said 48 Israeli soldiers were wounded and 3 were killed in the fighting with the Syrians on 23 June. Meanwhile, Voice of Lebanon radio indicated that the Syrians suffered heavy casualties and equipment losses and said the IDF controlled the Bhamdun area.

In Beirut 25 people were killed and more than 100 were injured when an Israeli F-16 aircraft fired into ammunition stores in the Phoenicia Hotel area, causing loud explosions, Voice of Lebanon radio reported.

Israel on Disengagement, Multinational Force, PLO -- A recent proposal suggested by U.S. envoy Philip Habib that the IDF withdraw 5 km from Beirut while the PLO lays down its arms is unacceptable to Israel, according to Israeli sources cited by IDF radio. Political sources said the proposal would mean lifting the siege of Beirut and a renewal of the flow of Syrian forces to the city, according to the radio. The sources said the Lebanese Army cannot yet cope with such a development or handle the PLO. The radio said the subject will be discussed at the 24 June Cabinet meeting.

According to a high-level source cited by Jerusalem television, Habib may propose during his 24 June talks with Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin that the IDF withdraw 10 km from Beirut thus enabling the PLO to withdraw from west Beirut to their camps. The source added that the United States may also "try to achieve a disengagement of forces" between the IDF and the Syrian Army in order to prevent the frequent clashes between the two forces. According to a Beirut radio report, Habib's proposals will include an Israeli withdrawal to a distance of 5 km, the deployment of the Lebanese Army in this area and the extension of the cease-fire, with U.S. guarantees, for 1 month.

If the United States decides against participating in a multinational force in Lebanon, it will be possible and necessary to establish such a force from units of other countries; Israeli Prime Minister Begin said in a Ben-Gurion Airport address upon his return from the United States, broadcast live by Jerusalem radio. Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that a multinational force on its own would not be a guarantee against terrorist acts in the area within 40 km of Israel's northern border, IDF radio reported. Shamir said a new political settlement is necessary in Lebanon and added that a strong and new Lebanese Government would guarantee the effectiveness of the multinational force.

The Jerusalem POST reported that in any political settlement, Israel would wish the top echelon of the PLO leadership to leave Lebanon altogether. Israel's ambassador to the United States said Israel will not negotiate with the PLO even if it recognizes Israel's right to exist, Jerusalem radio reported.

National Salvation Council Meeting -- The National Salvation Council held its third meeting under the chairmanship of Lebanese President Ilyas Sarkis, Beirut radio reported. The radio noted that U.S. envoy Habib attended the session. Asked after the meeting if any specific points had been reached that augur the possibility of a solution, Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan said that the beginning of a solution was agreed upon at the council's first meeting but that followup is required on detailed points, the radio later reported. He added that the basis of a solution exists but it is important for all the council to agree.

PLO Position on Disengagement -- In an article broadcast by the clandestine Voice of Palestine radio, the PLO's FALASTIN ATH-THAWRAH said the National Salvation Council has understood the Palestinian view that measures can be initiated in west Beirut only when the Lebanese Army has taken up positions to a depth of 5 km and has begun to act as a buffer between the joint forces and the IDF. PLO military leader Khalil al-Wazir affirmed in a Stockholm radio interview that the Palestinians are ready to withdraw to the four refugee camps just south of Beirut and allow the Lebanese Army to take control of the city. The question under discussion in the National Salvation Council, he said, is whether this step should be taken before or after an Israeli withdrawal. On the other hand, Monte Carlo radio indicated that the PLO rejected a proposal for the deployment of Lebanese Army units between the Palestinian- and Israeli-controlled areas in Beirut. The radio said the Palestinians also rejected the deployment of the Lebanese Army in the western part of the capital and refused to hand their weapons over to the army. According to informed sources cited by Voice of Lebanon radio, the Palestinians are trying to avoid letting the Lebanese authorities assume security responsibilities in west Beirut and have proposed that international forces be deployed between their positions and the Israeli positions. The radio also reported that the Palestinians have decided to turn over their weapons and ammunition stores in west Beirut to leftist parties should serious consideration be given to a political solution to the Palestinian armed presence.

PLO Call for Summit -- PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat informed Libya that he has asked the Arab League to summon an urgent Arab League summit conference, Tripoli radio reported quoting JANA. Tripoli added that the secretary general of the Arab League is not apparently enthusiastic about convening a summit. It also appears that Saudi Arabia does not want a conference held at this juncture, to enable Israel to consolidate its grip and achieve the aims of its invasion, JANA said.

Soviet, Libyan Support for Syria -- Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad received a written message from Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and held talks in Damascus with Libyan Staff Maj 'Abd as-Salam Jallud, according to Damascus radio reports. Meanwhile, QNA cited a report by the Kuwaiti paper AL-BAYAN that Syria has received very advanced Soviet weapons in recent days. Citing Eastern diplomatic sources, Monte Carlo radio said the Soviet Union and Libya have compensated Syria for all the losses it sustained in the first round of fighting with the IDF in Lebanon.

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ERSHAD, DOHA RETURN FROM VISIT TO UK, U.S.

BK231630 Dacca Domestic Service in Bengali 1200 GMT 23 Jun 82

[Text] Chief Martial Law Administrator [CMLA] Lt Gen H.M. Ershad, back home after attending the second special session on disarmament at the UN headquarters, has described his visit as a complete success.

Talking to newsmen at Zia International Airport on his return this morning, General Ershad said he is fully satisfied with the outcome of the trip. Through this visit, it was possible to appraise various world leaders of the current situation in Bangladesh. The visit provided him with an opportunity to prove to the world leaders that there is stability in the country, he said.

General Ershad said that more than (?70) delegates attending the session personally congratulated him for vigoriously underlining the role of Bangladesh on disarmament. In the (?disarmament) program, Bangladesh has clearly pointed out that if a meager part of the huge amount spent on the arms race were diverted to the struggle against poverty, it could ameliorate the sufferings of the [words indistinct] human beings.

During his stay in New York, he had meetings with several leaders, including President Reagan. He said that he held discussions with these leaders on matters of common interest and various internal issues.

The current situation in Lebanon and the Gulf region also came up during the discussions. He said that [words indistinct] attending the UN session highly commended Bangladesh for sending a medical team to Lebanon for the relief of Lebanese and Palestinian brothers.

The CMLA said that he had a meeting with the Soviet foreign minister in New York and he had fruitful discussions with him. He expressed the hope that his discussions with Gromyko will help further strengthen relations between the two countries.

General Ershad said that during the meeting Gromyko invited the Bangladesh foreign minister to pay a visit to the Soviet Union.

He also had fruitful discussions with British Prime Minister Thatcher in London and the British prime minister expressed happiness over the program being pursued by present Bangladesh administration.

Foreign Minister A.R. Shamsul Doha also returned home along with the CMLA.

GANDHI CRITICIZES OPPOSITION STAND ON ISSUES

BK231628 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 23 Jun 82

[Text] The prime minister has said that only a stable and strong government at the center can solve the people's problems and defend the country from external danger. Mrs Gandhi was addressing a massive public meeting in Delhi today. It was organized by the Delhi state Congress-I committee and Youth Congress-I on the occasion of Sanjay Gandhi's death anniversary. Mrs Gandhi regretted that opposition parties are trying to destabilize the government. She appealed to them to rise above party politics and cooperate with the government on national issues. Mrs Gandhi said it is the duty of all to see that India is united. She said it is painful that there are disturbances in the name of religion in some parts of the country. She pointed out that most of the people are peace-loving. It is only a handful of elements who f[illegible] narrow feelings to get publicity.

Mrs Gandhi said all opposition parties are now uniting only to remove her. The latest opposition strategy of having a consensus presidential candidate is yet another attempt to weaken the government and impede developmental programs. Referring to the Bhartiya Janata Party and Janata Party, she said whatever name they give to themselves, they are led by Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh principles. They have always been communal and have never changed. The leftist parties, by supporting them, are not only weakening themselves, but also harming the country, she added.

Refuting the opposition allegation that the country has not progressed, Mrs Gandhi said the nation has indeed come a long way toward prosperity. However, with the increase of population the fruits of progress have not [word indistinct] down with the desired speed.

Referring to Sanjay Gandhi, the prime minister said he symbolized the youth force of India. She said Sanjay's five-point program has now been included in the new 20-point program to give a massive thrust to meet the pressing needs of the weakest of the weak.

The president of the Delhi state Congress-I, H.K.L. Bhagat; the president of the Youth Congress-I, Ghulam Nabi Azad; and Delhi state Youth Congress-I president, Jagdish Taitler, also spoke on the occasion.

OPPOSITION PROPOSES NEW PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

BK221602 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 22 Jun 82

[Text] A hitch appears to have developed in the nomination of Prof Hiren Mukherjee as the candidate of nine opposition parties to the presidential election. According to PTI, Mukherjee's name does not appear in the voters' list.

Rabi Roy, Lok Dal leader, told All-India Radio correspondent Sushil Chopra a few minutes back that they are now proposing the name of H.R. Khanna, former Supreme Court judge, in place of Prof Hiren Mukherjee.

VENKATARAMAN TO TAKE CHARGE OF HOME MINISTRY

BK230349 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 23 Jun 82

[Excerpt] For the presidential elections today is the last day for filing nomination papers. As already reported, the Congress-I has chosen Giani Zail Singh as its nominee for the post. He yesterday filed his nomination papers and also resigned from the union Cabinet. A Rashtrapati [president] [word indistinct] circular from Hyderabad says that the resignation has been accepted and Defense Minister Venkataraman will temporarily take charge of the home portfolio. Some opposition parties which had announced the candidature of Prof Hiren Mukherjee had to change their decision following the discovery that Prof Mukherjee's name does not appear on the voters' list.

NEPAL

AFP PREDICTS 'MAJOR' GOVERNMENT RESHUFFLE

BK221009 Hong Kong AFP in English 0221 GMT 22 Jun 82

[By Kedar Man Singh]

[Text] Katmandu, June 22 (AFP) -- Nepalese Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa is expected to have a fight for his government's life when the national Panchayat (unicameral legislature) meets for a new session tomorrow, Wednesday.

The constitution protects the prime minister from motions of no confidence during his first year in office, and Mr. Thapa, who has already been severely criticised for a poor economic performance and failure to control corruption, will have just completed the first year of his five-year term.

At the national convention of panchas (the 1,250 delegates coming from the 75 districts of the kingdom) in March, Mr. Thapa managed to out-manoevre his opponents who had hoped to use the meeting as an opportunity to attack his government's performance.

A couple of days before the convention Mr. Thapa had announced a crash economic programme intended to curb rocketing prices, control illegal trade by restricting the issue of import licences, to boost agricultural and industral production by helping industries based on indigenous raw materials and by financial aid to sick industries.

Mr. Thapa's critics and delegates at the national panch convention described the programme as a tactical game designed to divert the attention of the panch convention. Over 60 percent of the delegates had sharply criticised the Thapa government.

The prime minister is now expected to carry out a major reshuffle of his Council of Ministers, and to replace corrupt ministers with new faces of a better reputation. Eight ministers, including two Cabinet ministers, who have been criticising the prime minister openly, are widely expected to be in the firing line. However, if Mr. Thapa decides to drop them from his government, he will have to cope with their opposition in the forthcoming session.

His critics say that Mr. Thapa has entrusted the maintenance of the public utility services to the anti-corruption special police department, and that the government has relaxed its check on civil servants arriving late to work.

In another controversial move, the government abolished the semi-governmental rice export companies in townships on the Indian border, instead granting export licenses to over a dozen private rice exporters.

A week later the 650,000 inhabitants of the Katmandu Valley suddenly faced a rice shortage. The businessmen then raised the foodgrain price by 15 to 20 percent, which helped to inflate other prices despite a bumper food crop 20 per cent above 1980's.

Thapa had created a new Ministry of Local Supplies and also merged the Commerce and Finance Ministries with the aim of increasing the supply of consumer goods and expanding exports. Despite official figures of a 39 percent increase in exports during the first quarter, they dropped considerably in the second and third quarters, so diminishing revenue from customs.

The government is also criticised for losing revenue by insufficent vigilance over the smuggling of gold, watches and electronic goods.

In view of these charges Mr. Thapa is likely to face a grave challenge in the national Panchayat, particularly from others aspiring to the premiership. A quarter of the delegates, nominated by the king, are unlikely to vote against the prime minister unless the king wishes, and the constitution requires no confidence motions to have the support of two thirds of the national Panchayat's 140 members.

So Mr. Thapa may well survive.

Meanwhile the political opposition outside the Panchayat, which includes several former prime ministers, is keeping a low profile and hoping for further democratisation of the nonparty political system via a fourth constitutional amendment.

SRI LANKA

'FAVORABLE' SHIFT IN TRADE WITH SOVIETS REPORTED

BK221123 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 22 Jun 82

[Text] Sri Lanka-Soviet trade, which was more favorable to the Soviet Union prior to 1977 has now changed in favor of Sri Lanka. The open market policy adopted by this government has brought about this change. This was revealed during discussions held in Colombo between Trade and Shipping Minister Lalith Athulathmudali and a visiting Soviet trade delegation.

The Soviet Union now buys tea, rubber and coir fiber from Sri Lanka.

The trade minister explained Sri Lanka's open market policy to the Soviet delegation.

LIBERATION 'TIGER' MOVEMENT MEMBER ARRESTED

BK240719 Colombo SUN in English 16 Jun 82 p 1

[By Kenneth Amarasekere]

[Excerpt] Crack army operatives yesterday [15 June] swooped on a lonely terrorist hideout in Visvamadu in Jaffna District and took into custody one of the most wanted men Thevakumaran alias "Arafat."

This 22-year-old frontline member of the liberation 'Tiger' movement had been wanted in connection with the attack on the Anaicmitai police station and the robbery of a large number of weapons.

SUN reliably learns that with the arrest of Thevakumaran, the armed forces have come one step closer in their search for these sophisticated weapons which have probably been used in a series of violent attacks in the north in recent times.

Thevakumaran, who was once believed to be a member of the hierarchy of the 'Tigers,' has had differences of opinion with the leadership recently. It is learnt that it was being hinted by some of the hardcore 'Tiger' members for several weeks following the arrest of some of the top rungers in Tamilnadu.

The "hit squad" that killed two former members in Alaveddi recently is believed to have been in search of Thevakumaran.

SUN learns that he was arrested after a long manhunt by the army.

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE NO 953

LD231728 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 23 Jun 82

[Communique No 953 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. During the past 24 hours exchange of fire continued on the country's southern fronts. In their response to enemy fire our forces destroyed an ammunition dump, a fuel tanker and two trenches belonging to the Saddamists on the other side of the Arvand Rud and halted enemy traffic on the Al-Faw-Basrah highway.

Yesterday Saddam's army, resorting to heavy and long-range weapons, opened fire on certain parts of Abadan and Khorramshahr. This resulted in the martyrdom of two of our compatriots. As a result of the same barbarous deed, 18 of our dear ones in Abadan and Khorramshahr were also wounded. In the meantime, several residential units and shops were destroyed in Abadan.

On the rest of the country's southern fronts, our forces, by maintaining their defensive positions, controlled enemy movements and activities.

In the operational zones in the western parts of the country, exchange of fire continued, and on each of the fronts Islam's combatants maintained complete combat superiority and, retaliating against enemy fire, inflicted losses and casualties on the enemy.

In the Sar-e Pol-e Zahab, Gilan-e Gharb and Meymak regions, our fighting units opened fire on the enemy's supply posts and roads. On one of these fronts a Saddamist tank was destroyed.

In the Ganjveyh region, thanks to mortar fire opened by our own forces, a number of enemy trenches were set on fire and the troops deployed in them were killed.

In the Paveh and Marivan sectors, exchange of fire continued.

In the Biarreh region, our forces opened fire on enemy positions and prevented movement of their vehicles; on the Toveyleh heights, while silencing the enemy artillery fire, our forces inflicted losses and damage on Iraqi forces.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

ISLAMIC AD-DA'WAH PARTY ON IRAQI WITHDRAWAL

GF221911 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1430 GMT 22 Jun 82

["Text" of appeal by Islamic Ad-Da'wah Party to "the Muslim people of Iraq" following "Saddam's claim to withdraw its forces from the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran" -- date not given]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. "They devise and God devises and God is the best deviser." [Koranic verse]

O sons of our Islamic nation, O sons of our Muslim people in Iraq: The American war waged by Saddam against the blessed Islamic Republic of Iran, which resulted in the killing or dispersal of millions of dear Muslims and in the destruction of economic and agricultural establishments in addition to military losses, today passes to a new stage -- the withdrawal of the Iraqi Ba'thist forces after they were dealt heavy blows by the Muslim soldiers in Iran. The withdrawal came about in order to complete the U.S. plan in light of the treacherous Zionist aggression against dear Lebanon.

The Iraqi Ba'thist regime bears fully responsibility for the consequences of the unjust war of aggression: the calamities and woes, the dispersal of people, arrests, torture and killing of thousands of Iraqis inside the wounded country. As our beloved leader Imam Khomeyni said: Peace between Islam and infidelity is meaningless. This evil game, like previous ones, will not be accepted by our revolutionary people, who are alert to imperialist games and plans in the region.

Let the soldiers of Islam take vengeance against the Saddamist killers. Down with all deceptive imperialist games and plots. Let the will of the oppressed people in Iraq achieve victory by establishing their Islamic government. Let the orphans, widows, injured, oppressed and deportees, and all Iraqis be assured that the life of the Iraqi Ba'th regime has come to an end.

Everyone -- Sunnis and Shi'ites, Arabs and Kurds -- must unite to seek vengeance and struggle until the achievement of victory or martyrdom on the path of God. It is a struggle until the government of divine justice is established in Iraq.

"Fight the leaders of infidelity for they have no faith, so that their end will come." [Koranic verse]

[Signed] The Islamic Ad-Da'wah Party

MUBARAK 'ROLE' IN LEBANON CRISIS ASSAILED

GF200718 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0400 GMT 20 Jun 82

[Text] Once again, Egyptian-Arab relations are being assessed in light of the new developments on the arena (?following) the Zionist aggression against the Lebanese territories. [Words indistinct] imperialist and reactionary circles as a result of this tyrannical aggression as if the (?Egyptian regime) was waiting for this incident to [words indistinct]. What are the effects of the Zionist aggression on the imperialist role Mubarak is playing?

Regarding Egyptian-U.S. relations, they became closer and stronger after the experience of the Zionist aggression. Mubarak's silence and his performance of a new role by carrying out specific parts of the aggression plot [word indistinct] the White House on the Egyptian stands. Imperialism has assigned to Mubarak the task of silencing any voice that may rise to denounce the tyrannical aggression. It instructed him to convince the reactionary regimes not to extend any worthwhile assistance to the Palestinian Revolution in its fierce confrontation of the Zionist occupation. Also, Mubarak's weak stand on the Palestinian issue as a whole has paved the way for mutual confidence between Washington and Cairo, a confidence which will grant the regime the designation of the second imperialist foundation in the region after Israel.

Regarding Egyptian-Israeli relations, they became stronger than ever during this aggressive war. The Zionist entity will not forget Mubarak for his horrifying silence over the aggression and his noninterference, even on the level of the information media. Nor will it forget his attempts to serve the Zionist plot when he tried to shut the Arab mouths against saying anything against the Zionist entity.

It seems that the important role the Zionist entity's partner in Camp David has played will not be forgotten in the tyrannical aggressive war. Mubarak has made a great effort to be a guardian of the Camp David accords, even if Egypt is under the designs of the Zionist aggression. He exceeded his role of being silent to work in the anti-Palestinian front. He chose to coordinate with reactionary Arab regimes in a way so as not to assist the Palestinians or participate on their side in their war against the Zionist entity.

By coordinating with some rulers, Mubarak employed Arab energies in a way that will not serve the cause at all. Some rulers dispensed with sending cables of denunciation; others dispensed with the dispatch of delegations here and there to explain the Palestinian issue. Some leaders only watched the massacres as if they were watching films on World War II.

At the difficult time when the enemy forces were invading Lebanon and spreading terror and death among the peaceful Lebanese and Palestinian peoples, Mubarak was directing his policy toward the Zionist entity. He did not forget, even at that time, his accords and the scenario (?of conspiracy).

At that critical time, an Egyptian airliner set out, carrying an Egyptian delegation from Sharm ash-Shaykh to Elat, in the first route opened between the two cities. In this spirit, Mubarak was dealing with the enemy as if he were dealing with a comrade-in-arms with whom he fought for a long time. In this aggressive war, Mubarak found a golden opportunity to show his good intentions to the Zionist enemy and his complete abidance by the Camp David accords. The Zionist entity will not forget this favor of Mubarak; this stand will not be the last one Mubarak will adopt toward his Zionist allies.

As for the reactionary regimes and their relations with Egypt, they also found a golden opportunity to become more coordinated and integrated. The stands by these regimes, which are similar to the Egyptian stand, have placed all on the same footing. Some seemed to say: Why should we antagonize Mubarak when we are all the same? Furthermore, Mubarak carried out a successful role in distributing roles to the reactionary regimes. This regime sends delegations to European countries and that regime sends them to American countries. This regime dispenses with the dispatch of medical missions and that regime has only to send cables of condolence and denunciation. Thus, Mubarak has been able to organize the reactionary stand of the countries of the region in a way that is satisfactory to his [word indistinct] the Americans and the Zionists. He insinuated to these regimes that he called for a cease-fire by sending Egyptian promises to Tel Aviv. [Word indistinct] the Zionist enemy [word indistinct] the Egyptian diplomacy some role in the project of reconciliation, thus conforming the Egyptian role with regard to the Arab regimes. In such an imperialistic step, Mubarak is trying to kill two birds with one stone: the first, by showing himself to be concerned with the cease-fire peace and reconciliation, and the second by dragging new parties to the Camp David table. This is what Mubarak (?intends to do) and is trying to do through this massacre in the Lebanese arena, one man's poison is another man's fat.

Despite the advantages this traitorous regime has reaped, the wind did not blow in favor of Mubarak's ships which are navigating in the waters of lies and hypocrisy. Rather, the wind of the masses, which blew a few days ago and burned the Zionist flag in Cairo, will eventually blow away the tryannical regime and all the reactionary regimes which have allied with the Zionist enemy. The masses have sworn that they will not be silent over the massacre; they have sworn to bring all who are involved in the crime of treachery to the trial of history to receive their just retribution: punishment for every drop of blood which has been shed on the land of Lebanon.

ENAMI-KASHANI TO HEAD ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

LD220112 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 21 Jun 82

[Excerpt] According to the Central News Unit, the Supreme Judiciary Council has appointed Mr Mohammad Emami-Kashani head of the administrative tribunal.

MUSAVI URGES 'FAIR DISTRIBUTION' OF GOODS

LD211208 Tehran IRNA in English 0931 GMT 21 Jun 82

[Text] Tehran, June 20, IRNA -- Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi in Tehran today said that his administration was making a sincere effort to arrive at finding hard and fast definitions for the revolutionary Islamic criteria reflected in the text of the Constitution. He said whatever the criteria of the Constitution were they had to be fulfilled by the Government of the Islamic Republic.

Musavi, who was speaking to the commerce minister, 'Asgar-Owladi and a group of directors general of the Commerce Ministry and urban cooperative officials at the end of their 2-day seminar here, said the ministry bore a heavier task than other government organisations since its daily services directedly affected the people.

Musavi stressed the need to ensure a sound distribution of consumer items among the masses throughout the country. He noted that in the Islamic terminology "fair distribution" of resources among the masses had a meaning totally different from its concept in the West or East and it was the task of the administrators to comprehend and implement precisely this model.

SALAMATI HOLDS TALKS WITH BULGARIAN LEADERS

For Bulgarian and IRNA coverage of Agriculture Minister Mohammad Salamati's talks in Bulgaria, see the Bulgaria section of the 23 June Eastern Europe DAILY REPORT and subsequent issues.

BORDER PROTOCOL SIGNED WITH TURKISH GOVERNOR

LD232052 Tehran IRNA in English 1721 GMT 23 Jun 82

[Text] Urumiyeh, June 23 IRNA -- A protocol was signed on border issues between the governors general of Turkey's Van and Iran's West Azarbayjan Provinces on Wednesday. The Van governor general, Mr Behcat Eren, said that his two-day tour had been for considering and negotiating border issues. He added that during the negotiations some of the essential economic needs of both provinces were also brought up.

Behcat Eren also said that the construction of the Lake Urumiyeh causeway had an important role in improving transit ties between Iran and Turkey. The governor general of West Azarbayjan Province, Sheykh Attar, also said that their meeting had helped strengthen bilateral ties. He added that a protocol had been signed for preventing lawlessness along the frontier. He added that informal negotiations were held on border issues. The Turkish Gendarmerie commander, a governor and other military and police officials of Van Province also accompanied the governor general, Behcat Eren. They also inspected various parts of the Pakdis factory in Urumiyeh, West Azarbayjan.

The Turkish mission left Iran for Turkey on Wednesday.

NVOI RAPS FAVOR SHOWN ISLAMIC ASSOCIATIONS

TA231928 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 22 Jun 82

[Unattributed commentary: "Snakes That Have Sprung Out From the Sleeve of Imperialism"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: As we have repeatedly said, U.S. imperialism, reaction and the rail roading liberals possess snakes of various colors up their sleeves to confront any popular and anti-imperialist movement. At a certain time they bring one of these snakes into the arena on the basis of the prevailing conditions and intimidate the people.

One of the multicolored snakes imperialism and reaction use to crush revolutionary and popular movements are certain outwardly religious associations and organizations. Imperialism exploits this multicolored snake not only in the Islamic world but also in any country, in accordance with its domestic situation, in order to sow discord and division, to divert public opinion, and even to suppress popular, religious, resistant and anti-imperialist movements.

One can show numerous examples in this connection in many liberated and captive countries. However, it is appropriate that in this case we point to an example which has also been noted in the newspaper of our own country. For instance, JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI has written an item about the activity and characteristics of an association that for years has been active under the mask of religion but which in fact implements the plans of colonialism and imperialism. Devoting attention to this item is foremost of all essential to our Islamic Republic's authorities and government figures.

The discussion is over the activity and characteristics of the notorious religious Muslim Brotherhood association. JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI writes: Today the line of the international leadership of the Muslim Brotherhood believes in compromise with so-called Islamic powers and governments, and it has also fashioned Islamic justifications for this companionship and intimacy. For example, they -- that is, the leaders of this so-called religious and Islamic association -- believe that in order to struggle against the apostasy of Eastern communism one must compromise with the West. They also say that since Britain, the United States and so forth are considered among groups that possess a holy book, therefore cooperation with them is without objection and that Islam rules out a harsh and rude attitude toward them. Such deviations have induced the leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood to cooperate with certain mercenary governments. This is the exact text of the article in the JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI newspaper.

As we have said, the Muslim Brotherhood association is but a small example which reveals only a part of the ploys of colonialism and imperialism. One can deduce the fact from the very article by JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI about this so-called Islamic association that the line of the leadership of these religious associations fabricated by the United States is to compromise with so-called Islamic regimes.

Who are these so-called Islamic regimes and so-called Islamic powers and governments? One must give a frank response to this question. Any schoolchild is aware that one can perceive so-called Islamic regimes, powers and governments in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Pakistan, Turkey, Oman, Jordan and similar regimes.

Now let us pay a little attention to our own country and to the method of work of some of these religious and outwardly Islamic associations, and let us see how their tactic and ploy is precisely in the direction of the very line of the Muslim Brotherhood. These associations, by means of the pseudo-Muslims and the court preachers at their disposal, implement the very directives of the CIA and the Western mass media with Iranian paint and according to the current price. The pseudoclergy and the court preachers who are members of these associations, on the same basis of the beliefs of the line of the Muslim Brotherhood leadership, also believe that in order to struggle against the apostasy of Eastern communism -- even though Eastern communism supports the Islamic governments' popular and anti-imperialist policy -- one must compromise with West. The exception being, as we have pointed out, these gentlemen implement the tactic of religious associations fabricated by the United States and the region's reaction in another form.

For example, in every place and at every occasion they place the slogan of "Death to America" -- this foe of the revolution and the Islamic Republic of Iran -- on the same level with the slogan of "Death to the Soviet Union" -- this country that is the friend and supporter of the revolution -- not because they really believe in the slogan of "Death to America" but, as Imam Khomeyni has said, in order to negate America. In other words the aim of the line of the Muslim Brotherhood and the court preachers and pseudo-Muslims of our country is the same, except that the manner in which it is stated and implemented differs.

Our domestic pseudo-Muslims and court preachers who have gladly accepted membership in some of the Islamic and religious associations and societies believe that since America, Britain and others are considered as possessing a holy book,therefore cooperation with them is without objection. The meaning of this statement, as understood by the ordinary people, is that the leaders of outwardly Islamic associations and societies prefer cooperation with any country that seemingly possesses a holy book, namely, the United States, Britain and the subservient regimes of our region, even though they be counterrevolutionary and the foes of the Islamic Republic, to friendship with progressive countries and systems which, according to the imam, do not possess a holy book, even though they be friends of the revolution and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The result of the influence of these elements in government organizations and revolutionary institutions and even in the upper echelons of the Islamic government are the very contrasts, contradictions, mental prejudice, superficiality and blind fanaticism that reign over the minds, opinions and deeds of some of the authorities and which leave their negative effects over the current policy of our homeland's people, both from the internal and external viewpoints.

These gentlemen, these snakes that have sprung out from the sleeve of U.S. imperialism and the region's reaction, these individuals, some of whom even used to pray for the life of the annihilated shah, today are striving with a new ruse and ploy to drive revolutionary Iran toward cooperation with mercenary governments. By creating a tense climate and pessimism toward the genuine revolutionary forces that are faithful to the revolution, they want to set the Islamic government against these forces. Under the pretext of struggle against apostasy, they want to eliminate all the principles of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran in connection with respect for the rights and political, social and ideological freedoms of individuals and political and revolutionary organizations. One must think about the grave consequences of the ploy of these pseudoclergy and court preachers, and not fall into the trap of their plot.

NVOI SCORES IRANIAN MEDIA'S 'SLANDER' OF USSR

TA182130 [Editorial Report] The clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran at 1730 GMT on 18 June carried two commentaries.

The first, entitled "The Propaganda Trap Which U.S. Imperialism and the Counterrevolution Have Laid," stated:

Recently an unhealthy climate has been created with respect to the revolutionary forces and if this continues with the same intensity it will have grave consequences for our revolution and consequently for the Islamic Republic of Iran. The thing is that simultaneously with the instigating propaganda of imperialist mass media and the counterrevolution, certain groups within the country, under various masks and guises, and mostly religious, are striving to incite public opinion against the true revolutionary parties and organizations. Moreover, evidence indicates certain persons have embarked on arresting individuals affiliated with these forces who fought for a lifetime against the despotic regime.

This unhealthy climate and regrettable events and illegal measures which are contrary to the spirit of the Iranian revolution and the Constitution of our Islamic Republic stem from the plot of imperialism, headed by the United States, which is being carried out in our country by the hands of imperialist elements.

What is more dangerous is that sometimes it seems that some persons are striving to prepare the ground to stick the apostate label on the true revolutionary forces and consequently to destroy them. That is precisely what America and the counterrevolution want. This is a dangerous game.

It must be frankly stated that the implementation of such a policy, which is compatible with the plan and plot of America and the counterrevolution, will place our Islamic Republic under blows.

In foreign policy the method of operation of some officials and the mass media of our country is summed up in hurling various charges and unfounded slanders at the Soviet Union. These gentlemen are striving to involve the Soviet Union in every crime that America commits in the world, be it the imposed war on our homeland or Israel's aggression in Lebanon. Thus, the facts indicate that the propaganda maneuver by America and the counterrevolution has been effective. The aim of this maneuver is to prepare the ground for undermining, and consequently overthrowing, the Islamic Republic or Iran. Succumbing to this propaganda maneuver by America and the counterrevolution is tantamount to paving the way for their plots.

The second commentary, entitled "Do Not Negate America By [word indistinct] the Soviet Union," said:

Today in our country everyone is aware of the fact that America attaches great importance to isolating revolutionary Iran from its real friends, and particularly to straining our country's relations with states that support the Iranian revolution, including the Soviet Union and socialist countries. After the revolution the liberals strived to the utmost to achieve this goal of the United States, but the Iranian revolution removed these elements from its path. For a time the unidentified imperialist elements kept silent with respect to their deviational propaganda, but unfortunately, as is being observed these days, these elements have again raised the so-called danger of communism and the Soviet danger in order to negate America.

The question posed is: Which danger other than the U.S. danger has threatened our homeland? In order to clarify public opinion it should be said that the issue of the so-called danger of communism and Soviet danger is not something new, and many years ago it was coined in the imperialist mint in order to divert the struggles of the people from the anti-imperialist path.

Therefore, those who today raise this imaginary danger at every meeting and gathering, whether willingingly or unwillingly, are the overt and covert elements of imperialism and the followers of the Bazargans, Bani-Sadrs, Qotbzadehs, Yazdis and similar elements. By negating the real U.S. danger and by raising imaginary dangers, these elements facilitate the implementation of the plots of the real foes of revolutionary Iran. However, these gentlemen are wrong. Our homeland's people recognize well their friends and foes, and certainly they will not fall into the trap of the false propaganda of these elements.

NVOI CONDEMNS OPPOSITION TO AFGHAN REGIME

TA210918 [Editorial Report] The clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran at 1730 GMT on 20 June carried a commentary entitled "Bitter Confessions." It said that in response to the question of a reader in one of its April issues, who asks in view of the fact that Iran supports the opponents of the Afghan Government can it not be said that in this respect the Islamic Republic is pursuing the policy of the United States, JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI writes that there are three main political lines in Afghanistan as in all the countries of the world: the line of the political groups dependent on the East, the line of political groups dependent on the West, and the line of Islam which is supported and pursued by the masses of the people. Two lines are struggling against this government: First is the line of political groups dependent on the West, which is supported by the United States and its satellites, including Saudi Arabia; the other is the line of Islam.

Foremost of all, one should tell the individual who answered this question that the forces which he has allegedly called dependent on the East are the most genuine forces of Afghanistan. Calling these forces dependent on the East is nothing more than slander.

As regards the groups of the second and third lines, it must be stated that in principle they are one line, are inspired by one source, and their aim is nothing more than overthrowing Afghanistan's legal and independent government and establishing the ominous domination of U.S. imperialism over that country.

As regards the claim that the Afghan masses support the third line, it should be said that numerous evidence and facts entirely reject this claim. In accordance with the acknowledgement of even the opponents of democratic Afghanistan, the revolutionary Afghan Government enjoys the all-out support and backing of that country's Muslim masses. During its short life, the Afghan Government has taken very important measures aimed at maintaining social justice in Afghanistan.

Opposition to democratic Afghanistan is not in the interest of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the interest of the followers of revolutionary Islam and Khomeyni's Islam.

IRANIAN ASSISTANCE TO AFGHAN REBELS ASSAILED

TA211124 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 19 Jun 82

[Unattributed commentary: "A New Plot Against Revolutionary Afghanistan"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: World-devouring U.S. imperialism and its satellites such as Ziaul Haq's Pakistan, the Saudi's Arabia, the Maoists' China, As-Sadat's and Mubarak's Egypt and so forth on the one hand, and the superficials, the blind fanatics, the monopolists, the pseudoclergy, the court preachers and the liberals entrenched in our emancipated homeland's government organizations and revolutionary institutions on the other, do not desist for one moment from plotting, instigating and committing sabotage against the independent and democratic Government of Afghanistan and its toiling and independence-seeking people.

The true forces of the revolution and our homeland's liberated people have always requested the government figures and authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran to immediately investigate the condition of the Afghan refugees, to return those deceived Afghans to their homeland, and to put an end to the subversive activity by the so-called Afghan mujahidin against Iran and revolutionary Afghanistan, and first and foremost to establish friendly relations with our neighboring and Muslim country, Afghanistan.

To date numerous reports and documents have also been published, even by some of our homeland's officials and press, about the true nature of the so-called Afghan Islamic groups, their close ties with the espionage organizations of the United States, Israel, China, Pakistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and so forth, and including their subversions and crimes against our emancipated country and nation. Unfortunately, however, so far not only has no response whatsoever been given to the just demand of our homeland's people with regard to the Afghan refugees and to preventing their plots and provocations against our revolutionary homeland and democratic Afghanistan, but until now the effort and endeavor of some of the authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran has been and is aimed at assisting and strengthening the mercenary and counterrevolutionary Afghan minigroups. This is precisely what world-devouring America and its satellites are always attempting to accomplish.

Reliable and indisputable reports are indicative of a new bitter fact that cannot but arouse the deep concern of our homeland's people. Evidence shows that some of the officials of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps are engaged in forming a party by the name of the Afghan Hezbollah for the Afghan counterrevolutionaries. The aim of the formation of this party is to bring together all the Afghan mercenaries affiliated with various so-called Islamic associations into a single party; in other words, to establish organizational unity among all the counterrevolutionary minigroups that are inspired by the CIA. They have also decided on Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of the so-called Hezb-e Eslami of Afghanistan, to head this so-called party.

The true face of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar is obvious to everyone. The so-called Hezb-e Eslami of Afghanistan, led by Hekmatyar, has very close relations with the Muslim Brotherhood -- a group concerning which there are numerous documents available with respect to its very close ties with the CIA and the espionage services of China, Israel, Pakistan and the SAVAK of the annihilated shah.

Hekmatyar is the very individual who during 1975 assumed the leadership of a separatist group which operated in Pakistan's border areas with the cooperation of Pakistan's secret service. Under the directives of the CIA, Hekmatyar's so-called Hezb-e Eslami has close contact with Iran's counterrevolutionary circles, remnants of the former regime, SAVAKists, monarchists and liberals, and was also directly involved in subversions and sabotage against our revolutionary homeland. This Hekmatyar is reactionary to such an extent that he even used to call Daud Khan's reactionary regime a leftist regime. Even in our homeland's press and newspapers numerous reports and documents have been published about Hekmatyar's ties with the espionage organizations of the United States and its allies and about the moral corruption of this so-called Afghan struggler.

Yes, some of the officials of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps are engaged in forming the Afghan Hezbollah under the leadership of Hekmatyar, the CIA spy and agent, so that plots, aggression and sabotage against democratic Afghanistan and consequently against revolutionary Iran be directed from a single headquarters. What is not in doubt is that most probably in this respect the facts are being concealed from the leaders and committed government figures of our Islamic Republic. Certain hands, wittingly or unwittingly, are engaged in implementing world-devouring America's plan with respect to revolutionary Iran and democratic Afghanistan. These hands must be cut off before it is too late.

Assistance to the Afghan counterrevolutionaries in the undeclared war against an independent and anti-imperialist country, which simultaneously with repelling the plots, aggressions and subversions of the foreign enemies and the fugitive counterrevolutionaries does not desist for one moment from efforts to maintain the welfare and happiness of Afghanistan's millions-strong oppressed masses, to provide the country's children and youth with universal education and health care, to secure the prosperity and happiness of Afghanistan's toiling farmers and workers and to reconstruct the country, is under no circumstances in the interest of our Islamic Republic.

Assistance to the Afghan counterrevolutionaries is assistance to the great Satan and his satellites and to the Iranian counterrevolutionaries. Any person or official who aids the Afghan counterrevolutionaries in any way, willingly or unwillingly, strikes at our nation's popular and anti-imperialist revolution and its gains, and helps in achieving the plans of world-devouring America with respect to democratic Afghanistan and revolutionary Iran.

AFGHAN MUJAHIDIN KILL 400 SOVIETS IN QANDAHAR

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[Text] In the war they are waging against the Soviet Union and the Afghan Government forces, the Muslim Afghan mujahidin have killed seven senior Afghan security officials and captured three senior Soviet advisers in the city of Qandahar. They destroyed 14 Soviet and Afghan tanks and personnel carriers.

In this battle, which lasted for 48 hours, the Muslim Afghan mujahidin killed 400 Soviet soldiers. Following this, the Soviet forces revenged themselves by strafing the city of Qandahar, killing a number of Muslim Afghan people.

AFGHAN MUSLIMS ATTACK SOVIETS IN HERAT PROVINCE

LD212022 Tehran IRNA in English 1905 GMT 21 Jun 82

[Text] Mashhad, June 21 IRNA -- Some 37 Soviet military commanders were killed or wounded by the Afghan Muslim revolutionaries during a commando operation launched on Herat hotel [as received] in Afghanistan. An informed source attached to the Afghan Muslim revolutionaries, after announcing this, added that two Soviet jet fighters were set ablaze and another ten fighters were damaged in Herat Province, during a sudden attack launched by the Afghan revolutionaries on one of the Soviet air bases.